

REMARKS

In the office action dated June 4, 2007, claims 7-15, 19-21, and 24-29 were allowed, and claims 2-4, 6, 16-18, 30 and 31 were identified as being drawn to allowable subject matter. This amendment seeks to accelerate prosecution of the application by placing all claims in *prima facie* condition for allowance by amending the allowable claims to independent form and by canceling rejected claims 1, 5, 22, and 23 without addressing the rejection lodged in the office action, and with the applicant retaining its right to consider pursuing claims and/or revisions to claims which have been canceled in one or more continuing applications.

Claims 1, 5, 22 and 23 have been canceled.

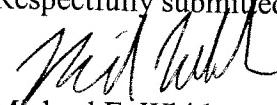
By this amendment claims 2 and 3 have been amended to independent form to incorporate all the features of base claim 1; claim 6 has been amended to independent form to incorporate all the features of base claim 5, and claims 30 and 31 have been amended to incorporate all of the features of base claim 22.

In view of these amendments, each of claims 2-4, 6-21, and 24-31 should now be in immediate condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

Respectfully submitted,



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